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Washington, D.C. 20231 FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. SERIAL NUMBER **FILING DATE** 08/193,449 02/08/94 TOOR <u>05366034001</u> EXAMINER HUSAR, J C2M1/0802 **ART UNIT** PAPER NUMBER GORDON G. WAGGETT FISH & RICHARDSON ONE RIVERWAY **SUITE 1200** 3206 HOUSTON, TX 77056 **DATE MAILED:** 08/02/94 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Responsive to communication filed on\_\_\_\_\_ This action is made final. This application has been examined A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire \_\_\_\_\_\_ month(s), \_\_\_\_\_\_days-from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133 Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION: Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474... **SUMMARY OF ACTION** \_\_\_\_are pending in the application. Claims\_ are withdrawn from consideration. Of the above, claims 2. Claims have been cancelled. Claims Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement. 7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes. 8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action. 9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on \_ . Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948). 10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation). 11. The proposed drawing correction, filed \_\_ , has been approved; disapproved (see explanation). 12. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. \_\_\_\_\_\_; filed on \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Since this application apppears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in

accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

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- 1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:
- A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
  2. (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 1-5, 8, 12, 18-24, 26-31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Taylor.
- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

5. Claims 6, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 25, 32, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Sansing.

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Taylor discloses the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Taylor does not disclose the weight sensing elements for determining the amounts of additives to be added to the waste material. Sansing teaches, in the same field of endeavor, weight sensing elements for the purpose of determining the amounts of additives to be added to the waste material.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Taylor with weight sensing elements in order to determine the amounts of additives to be added to the waste material as taught by Sansing.

In regard to claims 9-11, the specific mechanisms used to load waste material into the homogenizer would have been an obvious matter of design choice absent a showing of criticality by the applicant.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gaylor et al., Donaldson and Pearson are all being cited for showing similar processing mechanisms to that of the applicant.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to John M. Husar at telephone number (703) 308-1790.

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